



Miami-Dade Public Library System

YOUNG
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Writer-In-Residence
PROGRAM

September - November 2012

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a passion for writing?*

*Would you like to know more about
becoming a professional writer?*

*How would you like to be mentored
by renowned author, Kekla Magoon?*



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FUN FACTS ABOUT KEKLA

- She has traveled to 37 of the 50 states (plus D.C. and Puerto Rico!)
- Her astrological sign is Cancer.
- She is mildly obsessed with ice cream and her favorite flavors are Superman and Vanilla, preferably in a waffle cone.
- She is wary of pigeons—they love to dive-bomb her head!
- She is learning to play the guitar.
- There is a gorilla, in the Atlanta Zoo that is named after her.
- She owns a pet turtle named Tiffany.
- She loves to bake and decorate cupcakes, but especially loves to eat them!



Kekla Magoon is the author of four young adult novels and the recipient of the American Library Association's Coretta Scott King – John Steptoe Award for New Talent. Raised in the Midwest, Kekla now teaches writing in New York City. Kekla holds a B.A. in History from Northwestern University and an M.F.A. in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Do you have a passion for writing?

If you do, then the Miami-Dade Public Library System wants you! We are looking for 20 local teens who are interested in working alongside a published young adult author who will spend three months mentoring them on writing, both as a creative outlet and as a profession. Applications are being accepted through June 30, 2012. The Young Adult Writer-In-Residence Program runs from September - November 2012.

To be eligible you must:

- Be 13-18 years old
- Have an active Miami-Dade Public Library card in good standing
- Have Internet access (available at your local public library)
- Sign a participation agreement

How to apply:

- Go to www.mdpls.org and complete the application, including a sample of your writing (no longer than 500 words) by Saturday, June 30.

Apply Today! Space is limited!



Scan the QR code using a camera equipped mobile device for a direct link to our *Young Adult Writer-In-Residence Program* web page.



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Kekla Magoon's Books



The Rock and the River (2009)

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African-Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

Camo Girl (2011)

Ella, a biracial girl with a patchy and uneven skin tone, and her friend Z, a boy who is very different, have always been on the bottom of the social order at their middle school. Ella is torn because she has the chance to finally be part of the popular group, but does not want to leave Z behind.



37 Things I Love (in no particular order) (May 2012)

Ellis wishes her best friends would understand the difficult time she's going through. Her father is in a coma (after a construction accident) and her already fragile relationship with her mother is strained over whether or not to remove him from life support. But, when all seems bleak, Ellis finds comfort in the most unexpected places.

Fire in the Streets (September 2012)

At fourteen, Maxie Brown is too young to be a Black Panther—or so everyone says—but it's the only thing on her mind. Maxie is determined to prove herself worthy—she vows to do anything necessary to fulfill her dream. But, when she finally figures out what she'll have to do to become a Panther—is it worth the ultimate price?

